(c) The information is given below:—

State/City	Number awarded	
	LPG	RO (Retail outlet Petrol/ Diesel)
1. Gujarat	71	81
2. Maharashtra	121	94
3. Bombay	22	6
4. Delhi	73	4
TOTAL:	287	185

Indo-American projects

2703 SHRI RAOOF VILIULLAH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nine Indo-American projects involving USD 2.7 million have been approved by Government;

(b) what are the agencies involved in funding and implementing the projects and the areas of development;

(c) whether more projects are likely to be approved and the total finance involved and the areas identified for such an investment; and

(d) whether Government will accept offers from other developed countries to fund collaborative projects to help small and medium industries develop market-oriented technologies in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Nine R and D projects involving US 2.7 million, being undertaken jointly by Indian and US companies, were sanctioned as on October 31, 1987, under the Programme for Advancement of Commercial Technology (PACT).

(b) and (c) The projects are being jointly undertaken by Indian and US companies and cover the fields of electrical equipment, paper, foor processing, pest control, pharmaceuticals and environmental protection, and are being funded partly by the sponsoring companies and partly by assistance under PACT. Further projects which are eligible for such assistance may also be approved in future, and the total finance involved would depend on such approvals.

(d) Each offer of assistance will be considered on the basis of its merits and essentiality.

Action by M.R.T.P. Commission

2704. SHRIMATI ELA RAMESH BHATT: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Binnies' Aristocrat is being heavily advertised under the cover of Prime Mineral Water in large sized bottles as reported in the Times of India of the 6th February, 1988;

(b) whether it is also a fact that such large sized bottles are not available anywhere in the capital and this is a ruse to advertise the same brand name whisky to beat the ban on alcoholicdrinks; and

(c) whether MRTPC or Consumer Affairs Department have initiated action against such defaulters and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) The M.R.T.P. Commission having considered that the advertisement which appeared in the Times of India newspaper dated 6-2-1988 fell within the ambit of Section 36A of the MRTP